

AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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WISHING to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries,

NOTING the Reciprocal Agreement on Social Security signed on the fourth day of July 1988, as amended by a Protocol signed on the eleventh day of October 1990, and

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to reflect, by means of a consolidated document, the changes which have taken place in their respective legislation since that Agreement and Protocol were signed,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

PART I - INTERPRETATION AND SCOPE

ARTICLE 1

Interpretation

1. In this Agreement:

“benefit” means, in relation to a Party, a benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party, and includes any additional amount, increase or supplement that is payable, in addition to that benefit, pension or allowance, to or in respect of a person who qualifies for that additional amount, increase or supplement under the legislation of that Party;

“Canadian creditable period” means a period, or the total of two or more periods, of residence or contributions which has been or can be used to acquire the right to a Canadian benefit, but does not include any period considered under paragraph 2 of Article 9 as a Canadian creditable period;

“carer payment” means a carer payment payable under the legislation of Australia to the partner of a person in receipt of an Australian pension;

“competent authority” means, in relation to Australia, the Secretary to the Department of Family and Community Services and, in relation to Canada, the Minister of Human Resources Development;